



Unit 15
Southcentral Region

Kenai

Federal Public Lands Open to Subsistence Use

- FWS Administered Land
- NPS Administered Parks
- NPS Administered Preserves
- BLM Administered Land
- USFS Administered Land
- Closed to Subsistence
- Special Management & Controlled Use Areas
- Unit Boundary
- Sub-Unit Boundaries
- Roads

Unit 15 / Hunting

(See Unit 15 Kenai map)

Unit 15 consists of that portion of the Kenai Peninsula and adjacent islands draining into the Gulf of Alaska, Cook Inlet, and Turnagain Arm from Gore Point to the point where longitude line 150°00' W. crosses the coastline of Chickaloon Bay in Turnagain Arm, including that area lying west of longitude line 150°00' W. to the mouth of the Russian River; then southerly along the Chugach National Forest boundary to the upper end of Upper Russian Lake; and including the drainages into Upper Russian Lake west of the Chugach National Forest boundary.

Unit 15A consists of that portion of Unit 15 north of the north bank of the Kenai River and the north shore of Skilak Lake.

Unit 15B consists of that portion of Unit 15 south of the north bank of the Kenai River and the north shore of Skilak Lake, and north of the north bank of the Kasilof River,

the north shore of Tustumena Lake, Glacier Creek, and Tustumena Glacier.

Unit 15C consists of the remainder of Unit 15.

Special Provisions

- The **Skilak Loop Wildlife Management Area** is closed to subsistence taking of wildlife, except that grouse, ptarmigan, and hare may be taken only from October 1 - March 1 by bow and arrow only. This area consists of that portion of Unit 15A bounded by a line beginning at the easternmost junction of the Sterling Highway and the Skilak Loop (milepost 76.3); then due south to the south bank of the Kenai River; then southerly along the south bank of the Kenai River to its confluence with Skilak Lake; then westerly along the north shore of Skilak Lake to Lower Skilak Lake Campground; then northerly along the Lower Skilak Lake Campground Road and the Skilak Loop Road to its westernmost junction with the Sterling Highway; and then easterly along the Sterling Highway to the point of beginning.
- Taking a red fox in Unit 15 by any means other than a steel trap or snare is prohibited.
- Bait may be used to hunt black bear between April 15 - June 15, subject to Kenai National Wildlife Refuge permit conditions.
- Use of aircraft, off-road vehicles, and firearms is subject to special Kenai National Wildlife Refuge regulations. Contact the Refuge at (907) 262-7021 for current regulations.
- A  indicates that additional management actions may be taken by the Federal in-season manager. If you are planning to hunt on Federal land, consult the Delegation of Authority Table on page 136 for details. Calling the in-season manager is advisable as in-season closures can occur at any time and may not be reflected in this regulatory publication.

CUSTOMARY & TRADITIONAL USE DETERMINATION	HARVEST LIMITS	OPEN SEASONS
BLACK BEAR		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Units 15A and 15B—Residents of Ninilchik • Unit 15C—Residents of Nanwalek, Ninilchik, and Port Graham, 	Units 15A and 15B—2 bear by Federal registration permit (FR1503).	July 1 - June 30
	Unit 15C—3 bear	July 1 - June 30
BROWN BEAR		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Unit 15—Residents of Ninilchik 	Unit 15—1 bear every four regulatory years by Federal registration permit (FB1502). The season may be opened or closed by announcement of the Kenai National Wildlife Refuge manager in consultation with ADF&G and the chair of the Southcentral Alaska Subsistence Regional Advisory Council.	Oct. 1 - Nov. 30 Season to be announced Apr. 1 - June 15 Season to be announced
CARIBOU		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • All rural residents. 		No Federal open season

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CUSTOMARY & TRADITIONAL USE DETERMINATION	HARVEST LIMITS	OPEN SEASONS
GOAT		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> All rural residents 		No Federal open season
MOOSE 		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Units 15A and 15B—Residents of Cooper Landing, Nanwalek, Ninilchik, Port Graham, and Seldovia Unit 15C— Residents of Nanwalek, Ninilchik, Port Graham, and Seldovia <p><i>Federal permits are available from the Kenai National Wildlife Refuge office in Soldotna, or the Alaska Maritime National Wildlife Refuge office in Homer. (See directory at the end of this book for addresses.)</i></p>	Unit 15A Skilak Loop Wildlife Management Area	No Federal open season
	Units 15A remainder, 15B, and 15C—1 antlered bull with spike-fork or 50-inch antlers or with 3 or more brow tines on either antler, by Federal registration permit (FM1505) only.	Aug. 10 - Sept. 20
	Units 15B and 15C—1 antlered bull with spike-fork or 50-inch antlers or with 3 or more brow tines on either antler, by Federal registration permit (FM1505) only. The Kenai National Wildlife Refuge Manager is authorized to close the Oct./Nov. season based on conservation concerns, in consultation with ADF&G and the Chair of the Southcentral Alaska Subsistence Regional Advisory Council.	Oct. 20 - Nov. 10
	Unit 15C—1 cow by Federal registration permit only. (FM1505)	Aug. 10 - Sept. 20
SHEEP		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> No Federal subsistence priority 		No Federal open season
COYOTE		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> All rural residents 	No limit	Sept. 1 - Apr. 30
HARE		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> All rural residents 	No limit	July 1 - June 30
LYNX		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> All rural residents 	2 lynx	Nov. 10 - Jan. 31
WOLF		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> All rural residents 	Unit 15—that portion within the Kenai National Wildlife Refuge—2 wolves	Aug. 10 - Apr. 30
	Unit 15 remainder—5 wolves	Aug. 10 - Apr. 30
WOLVERINE		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> All rural residents 	1 wolverine	Sept. 1 - Mar. 31
GROUSE		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Spruce grouse—Residents of Unit 15 Ruffed grouse—No Federal subsistence priority 	Spruce grouse—15 grouse per day, 30 in possession	Aug. 10 - Mar. 31
	Ruffed grouse	No Federal open season
PTARMIGAN		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Residents of Unit 15 	Units 15A and 15B—20 ptarmigan per day, 40 in possession	Aug. 10 - Mar. 31
	Unit 15C—20 ptarmigan per day, 40 in possession	Aug. 10 - Dec. 31
	Unit 15C—5 ptarmigan per day, 10 in possession	Jan. 1 - Mar. 31